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Mother Charged after Abandoning Baby in Compton

A 33-year-old Compton woman accused of leaving her newborn baby near a riverbed was charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Porche Laronda Washington (dob 8/9/82) has been charged with two felony counts: attempted murder and child abuse in case TA138783.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned today after 1:30 p.m. in Department D of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch. Prosecutors will ask bail be set at \$1 million.

Deputy District Attorney Adrian Roxas, who is assigned to the case, said on Nov. 27, a three-day old baby girl was found abandoned in a hole near a Compton riverbed.

Law enforcement immediately began an investigation into the desertion and a week later identified a person of interest through the assistance of tips from the public, the prosecutor said.

On Dec. 3, Washington was arrested in connection with the crime and subsequently charged.

If convicted as charged, Washington faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.